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Advisory Announcement

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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 11

Sitka...Today's aerial survey covered the Sitka Sound area from Crawfish Inlet to Salisbury Sound. Weather during the flight was good with light winds and clear skies. A total of 11.6 nautical miles of active herring spawn was observed on Kruzof Island south of Shelikof Bay to Fred's Creek, near Brent's Beach, and on Krestof Island from Rob Point to Eastern Bay (Figure 1). Several smaller areas of spawn were observed closer to Sitka in the Apple Islands and near the Eliason Harbor breakwater (Figure 1). The cumulative miles of herring spawn to date is approximately 15.3 nautical miles.

The next aerial survey and fishery update will be Thursday, April 2.

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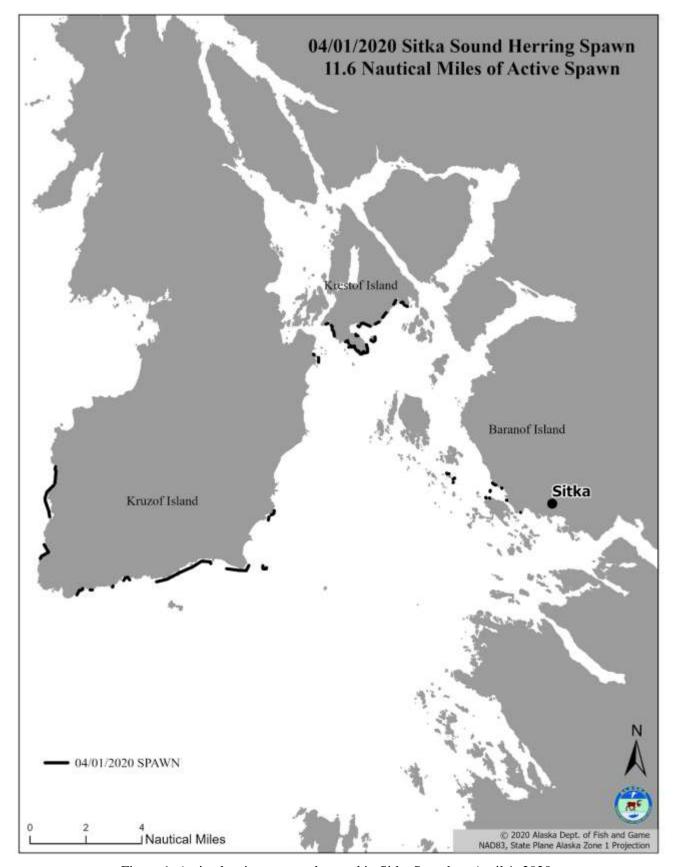


Figure 1. Active herring spawn observed in Sitka Sound on April 1, 2020.